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SUBJ : DR. K.O. MBADIWE AND CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

1. PLEASE TELEPHONE DR. R.E. MARSHAK, PRESIDENT OF CITY COLLEGE, CONVENT AVENUE AT 138 STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10031, ALONG THE LINES OF PARAGRAPH TWO BELOW.

2. QUOTE WITH REGARD TO YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 14, WHICH TOOK MORE THAN A MONTH TO REACH ME, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT DR. MBADIWE TO RETURN HIS CHECK TO HIM AS YOU HAVE INSORUCTED. WITH REGARD TO YOUR REQUEST FOR HELP IN DETERMINING AUTHENTICITY AND ESTIMATED VALUE OF ART COLLECTION HE HAS DONATED TO CITY COLLEGE, WHERE IS THE COLLECTION NOW? PLEASE ASK THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S NIGERIA DESK TO CABLE ME ON THIS POINT. WITH BEST WISHES. UNQUOTE

3. FYI-BACKGROUND ON THIS MATTER IS VISIT HERE BY MARSHAK IN FEBRUARY AT MBADIWE'S INVITATION, AT WHICH TIME MBADIWE GAVE MARSHAK A CHECK FOR 6250 NAIRA TO BE USED TO REFURBISH AFRICA HOUSE , AN APARTMENT ON EDGE OF CITY COLLEGE CAMPUS OWNED BY MBADIWE BUT DEVLOTED TO HOUSING AND OTHERWISE SERVICING AFRICAN STUDENTS IN NEW YORK AND PARTICULARLY AT CITY COLLEGE. (MBADIWE HAS A DAUGHTER CURRENTLY STUDYING THERE.) MBADIWE CONDITIONED HIS GIFT UPON CITY COLLEGE'S FINDING
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MATCHING FUNDS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN HOLDING THE CHECK FOR SAFE-KEEPING. FOR WHATEVER REASON, MARSHAK NOW WANTS TO RETURN THE CHECK TO MBADIWE. DURING MARSHAK'S VISIT MBADIWE ALSO GAVE MARSHAK FOR THE COLLEGE AN EXTENSIVE AND IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF ART WORKS FROM EASTERN NIGERIA.
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